United States Senate

July 2, 2025

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Hyde-Smith and Ranking Member Gillibrand:

The purpose of this letter is to request a recipient change for a Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending item we previously submitted for consideration in the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies bill, listed below. We certify that neither of us nor our immediate family have a pecuniary interest in any of the Congressionally Directed Spending items that we have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. We certify that the entity for which we have requested Congressionally Directed Spending is not a for-profit entity. The reason for this change is that Charles County is not a direct FTA recipient. Charles County and the Maryland Transit Administration are partners on this project, and the Maryland Transit Administration will serve as the fiscal sponsor for the project.

Account: DOT, FTA, Transit Infrastructure Grants
Project: Southern Maryland Rapid Transit (SMRT)
Recipient: Charles County Government
Project Purpose as originally requested in Legi-Mate: Funds will be used to complete the environmental review process for the development of a transit service from the Branch Avenue Metro Station in Camp Springs to Waldorf/White Plains, which would reduce traffic congestion, improve local commuting and increase mobility in Southern Maryland.
Request for recipient change: Maryland Transit Administration

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

Angela Alsobrooks
United States Senator